

Please replace the pending paragraph [0018] on page 3 of the Specification with
the following:

Referring now to the drawings and in particular FIGS. 1 and 2, one embodiment of an integrated extendable load floor assembly 10, according to the present invention, is illustrated in connection with a vehicle, generally indicated at 12, such as a sedan type automotive vehicle. Such vehicles 12 typically include a body 14 having a rear end 16 forming a storage or cargo area 18. The rear end 16 includes a front 19, floor 20 (FIG. 5), two sides 22 and a rear decklid 24, which define the cargo area 18. The vehicle 12 also includes the integrated extendable load floor assembly 10 disposed in and closing a longitudinal end of the cargo area 18. It should be appreciated that the decklid 24 may be removable. It should also be appreciated that, except for the integrated extendable load floor assembly 10, the vehicle 12 is conventional and known in the art.

Please replace the pending paragraph [0027] on page 6 of the Specification with
the following:

As illustrated in FIGS. 8 and 9, the integrated extendable load floor assembly 10 includes a latch mechanism, generally indicated at 62, to latch the drawer 34 in a closed position relative to the rear end 16 of the vehicle 12. The latch mechanism 62 includes a striker 64 attached by suitable means such as a bracket 66 to a rear bumper 68 adjacent the floor 20 of the rear end 16. The bracket 66 is attached to the rear bumper 68 by suitable means such as fasteners 67 or welding. The latch mechanism 62 also includes a latch 70 attached by suitable means such as fasteners (not shown) to a forward longitudinal end 72 of the bottom 36 of the drawer 34 for